

Amendments to the Specification:

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At ^{pages 10-11} ~~page 11~~, Para. [0025] is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“[0025] In an embodiment of the present invention, there is provided an automated system 10 for communicating trade orders to a marketplace 17 for financial instruments through a trading account 14 with a financial institution 16, such as a brokerage house or any other entity providing access to financial instruments trading. In this regard, it is contemplated that a user 12 has established some relationship with the financial institution 16 to initially set-up the trading account 14. The trading account 14 allows trading orders to be communicated electronically (referred to herein as an “on-line” trading account 14). Thus, relational link 18 is representative of the affiliation between the user 12 and the financial institution 16. Similarly, relational link 18 is symbolic of the maintenance of the on-line trading account 14 by the financial institution 16. The on-line trading account 14 may be accessible through a computer network. In the case where the computer network is the Internet, the on-line trading account may be hosted at a web address. While the computer network may be what is currently understood as the Internet, any other computer communication and/or network arrangements may also be utilized, such as local area networks (LANs), intranets, extranets, wide area networks (WANs), private networks, virtual private networks, dedicated circuits, integrated services digital networks (ISDNs), frame relay, whether utilizing wire, fiber, satellite, electrical, optical, wireless, infrared, radio frequency or any other form of electromagnetic wave-based mediums.”